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TO AMEMBASSY MANAGUA IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: TEMPORARY PEACE CORPS TRANSFERS IN THE AFTER-
MATH OF MONIMBO INCIDENTS

REF: MANAGUA 1062

1. ACTION/PC WAS CONSULTED RE PARA 6 REFTTEL AND WAS
INFORMED OF TELEPHONED REQUEST TO CHARGE FROM ARA/WELTER
MARCH 4 THAT PCV'S NOT REPEAT NOT BE REASSIGNED TEMPORARILY
TO RED CROSS PENDING FURTHER INSTRUCTION BECAUSE OF PROS-
PECT OF PERSONAL DANGER AND NEED TO CONSIDER OTHER FACTORS.

2. ACTION/PC MADE APPROPRIATE INQUIRY TO PC MANAGUA AND
THEN INFORMALLY ADVISED STATE OFFICER THAT PC/MANAGUA HAS
ALREADY REASSIGNED 18 VOLUNTEERS TO TEMPORARY WORK WITH
MASAYA PARRISH OF ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN MEDICAL CAPACITY
SUCH AS TREATING GASTROENTERITIS IN EVACUATED NON-COMBATANTS
AND IN SUCH TASKS AS TENDING CHILDREN AND SORTING CLOTHES.
ACTION/PC INDICATED THEY WILL BE DEALING PRIMARILY WITH
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SALESIAN PRIESTS AT MASAYA AND THAT THEY WILL BE TRANS-
PORTED DAILY TO MASAYA, IF CONDITIONS PERMIT, WHILE CON-
TINUING TO RESIDE AT MANAGUA. ACTION/PC FURTHER INFORMED
STATE OFFICIAL THAT PC NICARAGUA INTENDED TO ASSIGN

ADDITIONAL PCV'S TO RED CROSS TO BE USED ONLY FOR SORT-
ING MEDICINES AND RELIEF SUPPLIES AND SIMILAR PURPOSES

AT MANAGUA.

3. DEPARTMENT SUPPORTS USEFUL AND APPROPRIATE TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT OF PCV'S FOR WHOM SITUATION HAS NECESSITATED TEMPORARY RECALL TO MANAGUA PROVIDED THAT EMPLOYMENT DOES NOT PLACE THEM IN PHYSICAL DANGER, DOES NOT INVOLVE THEM IN POLITICALLY CONTROVERSIAL ACTIVITIES AND IS ACCEPTABLE TO GON. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN HIGHLY CHARGED POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE AT MASAYA, EVEN IF ONLY DURING THE DAY, MAY EXPOSE THEM BOTH TO PHYSICAL DANGER AND TO PERCEIVED POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT. IF EMBASSY JUDGES THESE RISKS NOT TO BE SERIOUS, THEY SHOULD NONE-THELESS BE CAUTIONED AGAINST STATEMENTS TO PRESS OR OTHERS IMPLYING POLITICAL CRITICISM OR INVOLVEMENT.

4. IF THIS EMPLOYMENT CHANGES OR MODIFIES AGREEMENT WITH APPROPRIATE HOST GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES GOVERNING WORK OF PCV'S, EMBASSY IS INSTRUCTED TO CLEAR SUCH TEMPORARY RE-ASSIGNMENT OF PCV'S WITH SUCH HOST GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY. PCV'S SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE AUTHORIZED ON SUCH TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENTS IN AREAS WHERE ARMED CONFRONTATION BETWEEN GON AND OPPONENTS LIKELY AND SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE UTILIZED FOR AMBULANCE DUTY WITH THE RED CROSS.

5. PLEASE INFORM US OF RESULTS OF ANY CONTACT WITH GON ON THIS MATTER AND OF CONSEQUENT DEPLOYMENT OF PCV'S. VANCE
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